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Title : Need to roll back proposed imposition of income tax on Workers' Welfare Fund.

SHRI A. SAMPATH (ATTINGAL): Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the Government of India on the working of the Welfare Fund Boards established by the State Governments. ...(*Interruptions*) Kerala is the best example of social security measures taken by Welfare Boards such as the Headload Workers' Welfare Board, the Construction Workers' Welfare Board, and Toddy Workers' Welfare Board etc. ...(*Interruptions*) They provide pension to retired workers, accident relief payments, *ex-gratia* death relief, medical benefits, bonus to the workers, terminal benefits, special superannuation benefits, holiday wages, educational scholarships, educational grants, financial assistance for housing, marriage loans and grants, festival advance, funeral expenses, family pension, and financial assistance to relatives of the diseased workers, etc. ...(*Interruptions*) But if tax is deducted as per Section 194 (c) of the Income-tax Act on payment made to the Board on wages, it will erode the funds of the Boards making their existence in peril. ...(*Interruptions*)

So, my request is to include the Workers Welfare Boards under total exemption of Income-tax under provisions of Section 10 (29A). ...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 1.00 p.m.

**12.15 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Thirteen of the Clock.*

**13.00 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Thirteen of the Clock.*

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)